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Our
Query and
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Department

What was the "Treaty of Berlin?"

The treaty of Berlin was concluded July 13, 1878, between the powers represented at the congress of Berlin—viz, Germany, Austria, France, England, Italy, Russia and Turkey. The congress was called for the purpose of settling, or trying to settle, the affairs of the Balkan peninsula and the treaty declared the independence of Montenegro, Serbia and Rumania, allotted certain territory to Russia and indicated certain lines of action for Turkey.

Was Florence Nightingale, the celebrated English nurse, a Sister of Mercy or member of any other Catholic society? In what war did she serve as a nurse?

She was not a Catholic, but she got most of her early training as a nurse in the hospitals of Paris, where she studied with the Sisters of Charity and in Catholic institutions of other continental cities. Though a Protestant herself, she sought instruction in those institutions because at that time they were the best in respect of construction, organization, equipment, etc. She spent about twelve years in Catholic hospitals, and her methods were those of the sisters. Her first field service was that which made her famous was in the Crimean war of 1854-5, in which England, France, Turkey and Sardinia were allies against Russia. That was before the Red Cross society was organized, and she led the first band of trained nurses ever organized, about forty in number, to the seat of war and remained there till its close.

Did Great Britain or Japan violate the neutrality of China during the recent war?

China claims that Japan violated Chinese neutrality and practically invaded Chinese territory in the movement against the German colony at Kiaochau.

Which is the right bank of a river? Is it reckoned from the source or the mouth, or is it changeable as a person's face?

From the source, facing the direction

Who wrote—"On fame's eternal camping ground Their silent tents are spread, And glory guards with solemn round The bivouac of the dead."

Please tell something about the author.

It is the opening stanza of a poem entitled "The Bivouac of the Dead," by Colonel Theodore O'Hara. He was born at Danville, Ky., in 1820, the son of an Irish political exile, engaged in newspaper work at Louisville, served with credit in the Mexican war, was with filibuster Walker in Nicaragua and later in the Confederate army during the civil war. The poem was read by him at the dedication of a monument to Kentucky soldiers who fell in Mexico. He wrote poems besides the one mentioned, but no collection of his poems was published.

The statement that the captain and officers of the Emden were allowed to keep their swords has raised an argument. Assuming that the officers in question are men of honor doing merely their duty, is it customary to let all officers keep their swords or is such a distinction reserved for officers of special standing or renown?

Permission to captured officers to keep their swords is one of the "courtesies of war." It is not compulsory, but it is a custom. The officers captured are granted the "honors of war."

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PUBLIC OPINION

To the Editor of The Farmer, Sir:

In the morning edition of the New York Press on May 20 there was an article which told of a \$50,000,000 yearly loss throughout the state of New York because of non-enforcement of the law in regard to short weight. It goes on to say how Mr. Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of the mayor's bureau of weights and measures sent hundreds of reports in order that the offenders might be punished, but the attorney general replied that he did not believe he could bring suit against them and come out a victor.

Applying an instance like this to Bridgeport, our own city how do we stand. We have one inspector of weights and measures who should give a yearly inspection of every scale in the city. It is easily understood how impossible this is by thinking of the many weighing and measuring devices there are in Bridgeport.

When you think that the working class of Bridgeport are the ones to suffer from short weight and that they suffer the approximate loss of two cents on every pound of merchandise they buy it is not so hard to agree that Mr. Dennis Kelly could very handsomely use two good assistants. In ending just let it sink into your mind that Warrenite (that expensive little luxury) saves automobile springs but in his comparison some good municipal money could be used most satisfactorily in carrying out the above idea. READER.

FIRE IN OLD LYME
DOES \$10,000 DAMAGE

Old Lyme, Conn., May 26.—A business and dwelling block on Hill Lane, in Old Lyme, was burned early today causing a loss of about \$10,000. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is not known.

The building was owned by Willis Babcock, who occupied the apartments on the second floor. His son, Herman, conducted a grocery store on the street floor.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Marie Kessels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kessels of 365 Connecticut avenue and Mr. James Francis of Shelton were married yesterday at St. Joseph's church by the Rev. Father Dahmes, rector of the church who also celebrated the nuptial mass. The day was of unusual significance for it also marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of the mother and father of the bride. Miss Gertrude Schaufhausen of Mystic was bridesmaid and Charles Kessels, a brother of the bride, attended the groom. Following the ceremony a double reception was held in Arion hall in honor of the newly married couple and in celebration of the silver anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kessels. Mr. and Mrs. Francis have gone to Washington and Atlantic City on their honeymoon. They are to make their home in Shelton.

Miss Natalie Macfarlane of Black Rock who is to be one of the June brides, will be the guest of honor at a bridge party given tomorrow afternoon by Josephine Longue at her home 3079 North Main street.

Miss Elizabeth Nichols will entertain a few friends at tea at her home 834 of the avenue this afternoon in honor of Miss Anna Richards who is to be another of the June brides.

Miss Anna E. Clancy of 722 Railroad avenue who is to become the bride of Rudolph L. Baumann of Park avenue in June, was tendered an aluminum shower by a number of her friends at the home of Miss Mollie Dowd, 621 State street on Saturday evening. Miss Clancy received a number of useful pieces of aluminum for her new kitchen.

OBITUARY

NELLIE H. WEEKS
The funeral of Nellie H. wife of Albert H. Weeks was held yesterday morning from her home, 80 Highland avenue at 8:30 and from St. Augustine's church at 9 o'clock a mass of requiem was celebrated. Interment was in Mountain Grove cemetery.

EDWARD COWAN
The funeral of Edward Cowan was held yesterday afternoon from his late home 751 Hallett street and was largely attended by sorrowing friends. Rev. Earl H. Kenyon of St. Paul's Episcopal church conducted the services. Interment was in Lakeview cemetery.

The \$44,500 words of the Barnes-Roosevelt trial bound in plush and with tooled leather and gilt edges will make a very handsome book for T. R. to put on his parlor table.

EDISON INVENTS
PHONE RECORDER

Has a New Device to Fix Words of Both Speakers for Future Reference

West Orange, N. J., May 26.—Thos. A. Edison has announced the perfection of the telecube, a combination of the telephone and phonograph; a long distance dictating machine that doubles back.

It will give to both parties to a telephone conversation, although a thousand miles apart, each a phonographic record of what both have said.

Mr. Edison regards its commercial possibilities almost unlimited, for he believes it will do away with millions of letters a year in the making of business agreements. The phonograph makes voices easily recognizable, and Mr. Edison is confident the telecube records will be as eloquent arguments for good faith on the part of business men as signed letters.

Mr. Edison has experimented with the telecube between his Orange plant and his offices in various parts of America and so confident is he of its success that a large number of the machines are now being built. It was in the June, 1878, issue of the North American Review that Mr. Edison predicted a machine that would record telephone conversations. He has been working on it ever since.

The mechanics of the telecube are not complicated. It is used with the ordinary telephone, but with two receivers. One is fitted to the arm of dictating phonograph; the other is used with the ordinary telephone. The record of what both persons say is made at each end of the line. A stenographer writes out what the record says and copies are interchanged for confirmation. That concludes the business arrangement which might in ordinary practice take a dozen letters and weeks of time.

Will Take Message For You.

"The telephone is used a million times an hour," said Mr. Edison today, "and the principle that science has provided the telephone for the most rapid transmission of intelligence. But with the telecube we will now be able to put our exact spoken words into writing." He also pointed out that in cases of messages of great importance where the person wanted was not at the moment available, any one could press a button and take the message on the phonograph, to be read at leisure by the person for whom it was intended.

The telecube may also be used as a long-distance dictograph, and a machine of its principle could be used for taking court proceedings, though that would call for great development as the ordinary phonographic record can take only 1,500 words.

William H. Meadowcroft, one of Mr. Edison's lieutenants, said recently that there was no danger of the telecube putting many stenographers out of work. "You see," he explained, "someone has to write the record, but of course the telecube means fewer letters in the future."

An Earlier Device.

Mr. Edison's telecube is not the first invention for its purpose. In 1890 Valdemar Poulsen, a Danish inventor, contrived the telegraphophone for the reproduction of conversations at a distance. Its principle was the reproduction of magnetic impressions by a copy of the original sound. It was an ordinary conversation was about three and a half miles. Each impression on a fraction of the wire represented a sound, and when the machine was talked to, the sound was reproduced. William J. Burns, the detective, gave it prominence in 1912, when he reproduced a conversation by the President of the Common Council of Detroit, which the official was alleged to have offered to sell his vote. It was used to record the debates of the Medical Congress in Boston in 1912. Speeches by President Roosevelt were several times reproduced by the telegraphophone.

ANNIVERSARIES
OF RING BATTLES

1835—Charles Mitchell and Mike Cleary fought 4-round draw at San Francisco. Mitchell was then touring America, meeting all comers in short bouts. Cleary was the Englishman's first on American soil, their first fight having been staged in New York early in 1833. On that occasion Mitchell had all the best of it, and the police interfered to have Cleary from further punishment. Mike made a better showing in San Francisco, and won a draw, although the Britisher had the shade. This time Mitchell fought John L. Sullivan in New York. Billy Lyons and Denny Hayes at Leadville, Col., Jake Kilrain at Boston, John Scholes at Toronto, Patsy Cardiff at Minneapolis, Jack Burke at Chicago and New York and Reddy Gallagher at Cleveland, and was defeated only by Sullivan.

1890—Jimmy Austin, California bantamweight boxer, born in Los Angeles.

1903—Billy Gibson's Fairmont A. C. in New York held its first boxing show.

1908—Terry McGovern and Spike Robson boxed 6 rounds in New York. This was the last ring appearance of "Terrible Terry," the great little battler who reigned as king of the featherweights until Young Corbett, of Denver, toppled him off his throne. Poor old Terry has of late years suffered from a mental disease which at times has necessitated his confinement in a sanatorium. He has been with Robson he showed flashes of his old class, as he had in his contest with Young Loughrey a short time before, but it was evident to all observers that his "attempted comeback" was a pitiful failure. Terry was born in Johnstown, Pa., but removed at an early age to Brooklyn, where he commenced his wonderful fighting career. He looked "fired" all the greatest ease until he went up against Young Corbett. The Denver boy had Terry's number, and twice knocked him out.

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HATTERS' HOMES
CAN'T BE SEIZED
SOON, IS REPORT

New York, May 26.—Suit to foreclose on the homes of members of the Danbury Hatters' Union, held as security by Loewe & Co. of Danbury, for a judgment amounting with interest to \$300,000, obtained by that firm on account of boycott, will be begun within the next two weeks. Walter G. Merritt of No. 135 Broadway, attorney for Loewe & Co., said so yesterday.

"But I do not expect a definite court action until after the summer vacation of the courts, which will carry the matter along until September," said Mr. Merritt. "Meantime we have collected \$50,000 belonging to the defendants on deposit in banks and in the next few weeks we will add \$30,000, that being the interest. I do not regard seriously the injunctive suit to restrain my clients from seizing the interest. In all, we will collect about \$80,000 from the bank accounts alone."

"The offer of National President Sculley of the Hatters' Union was not meant to be accepted by my clients. Since we have practically won \$90,000 already, why should we accept the \$80,000 suggested by Mr. Sculley?" "But apart from that, I am surprised that Mr. Sculley should adhere to the statements that the national officers of the United Hatters did not agree to protect the members of the Danbury Union from liability because of the boycott. I have the agreement in writing, signed by Mr. Connolly, former executive of the Hatters' Union, and the members of the executive board in which they absolutely agree to protect the liability of the members of the union whose homes are held as security."

"We will proceed to acquire title to the property, and when we have done that we will elect whether to rent the homes to the people who now occupy them or to other people. It is clearly up to the national officers of the Hatters' Union to say whether they want their members to be disturbed in their homes. That is the only question now."

Two Steamers Will
Run To New York on
Sundays This Summer

Bridgeport to have a special Sunday excursion boat service from New York this summer. Announcement is made by the New England Steamship Company that beginning June 6 and until September 5 inclusive, the steamer City of Lowell will run every Sunday from New York to Bridgeport and return.

The City of Lowell is one of the fastest and best boats on the Sound, running between New York and New London week days. She accommodates over 1500 persons. She will leave Pier 40, North river, at 10 a. m., Sundays, Pier 14 North river, at 10:15 a. m. and is due at Bridgeport at 2:15 p. m. Returning she will leave Bridgeport at 5 p. m. and will be due at New York at 9 p. m. The steamer Naugatuck will run as a Sunday boat from Bridgeport to New York, beginning June 13.

BRIDGEPORT MAN IS
VICE PRESIDENT OF
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Morris W. Seymour of this city was elected president of the Connecticut Historical society at its annual meeting held last night in the rooms of the society in the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford.

Other officers are: President—Samuel Hart, Middletown. Vice-Presidents—James J. Goodwin, Hartford; Simon E. Baldwin, New Haven; Jonathan Trumbull, Norwich; Carl Schmitt, Norwich; Frank Farnsworth Starr, Middletown; Clarence W. Bowen, Woodstock; E. Stevens Henry, Rockville.

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Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke
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The Wise Fool.
"It is better to give than to receive," observed the sage.

"Yes, if it is something you haven't any use for," added the fool.

Huh!
There was an old fellow named Squibb, Whose wife made him wear a large bulb. Said he, "I bet cross But she is the boss. Although she is only a rubb."

Paw Knows Everything.
Willie—Paw, what is a secret?
Paw—A secret is something a woman can't keep by herself and must have forty other women to help her do it, my son.

Maw—Willie, you go to school.

Paradoxical.
In business men race for a stake, And strive to win or bust; And those in front are bound to take The other fellow's dust.

Friends.
Some friends will do, some friends are done, You'll find that this is true; You have some friends you need, my son, And some friends who need you.

Brevity.
Booze. Blues.

An Epitaph.
He thought he was a foxy mutt, Did Silas Reuben Grass die; He wouldn't buy a gold brick, but He would blow out the gas.

Is This a Knock or a Boast?
We sincerely love the good intentioned person, for that is all he usually does. Luke McLuke, for instance—Wapkoneta (O.) News.

Names Is Names.
Green Parrot lives in a town in Ohio.

Wuff!
Our old friend W. of Homerville tells us that he went into his cow stable the other night and by mistake mixed her up a nice mash in a box full of sawdust instead of bran. The cow, merely supposing that the hard times had come and they were all going to economize, meekly ate her supper, and the man never discovered his mistake until the next morning when he milked the cow and she gave half a gallon of turpentine, a quart of shoe polish and a bundle of lath.—Coldwater (O.) Chronicle.

Things to Worry About.
John D. Rockefeller's middle name is Davison.

Our Daily Special.
We all yell before we are hurt.

Wuff!
The holdup man had a stern way Of making us heed his commands. He went into a clock store and The poor clocks all held up their hands. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Once through a pasture field he crept With footstep soft as silk; Next morn the milkmaid laid her milk The cows held up their milk. —Newark (O.) Advocate.

Luke McLuke Says:
The woman who paints her face and wears clothes that make her look like an advertisement shouldn't complain because she attracts attention.

Us roughnecks may be dumb. But we still insist that a man who wears two watch crystals with tortoise shell rims isn't any better than we are. A good working dictionary has a vocabulary of about 80,000 terms. And some men can use the whole 80,000 and not say anything.

The man who is trying to support a wife and a few children on \$10 a week knows that all the peons are not located in Mexico.

Another sure thing is that a woman is always older than she thinks she looks.

The man who imagines that his nickel's worth of religion pays up his fire insurance from Sunday to Sunday feels sorry for the rest of the world.

This would be a fine world if we were as eager to take advantage of our opportunities to keep quiet as we are to take advantage of our opportunities to talk.

When there are two or three grown children in the family the only place on the hall rack where father can find room for his hat and coat is the nail on the back of the cellar door.

You can make a woman believe that white is black. But you can't make her believe that clothes can be comfortable and stylish at the same time.

Why is it that almost every man believes that almost everybody else is happier than he is?

If the kisses men give women were as passionate as the kisses women give other women there wouldn't be much trouble in the world.

One thing we like about a woman who does her own housework is that she hardly ever has time to lavish affection on a lap dog.

A modern princess does more primping to go to a grocery store for a bar of soap than an old fashioned girl did when she was going to a dance.

There are about 887,000,000 ways to get yourself in bad, but the easiest way is to go to a woman and knock her husband behind his back.

The old fashioned girl who used to make baby clothes now has a daughter who is making a name for herself.

President Wilson appointed John B. Evans assistant treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia.

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